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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to its initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

- 1) Please insert the following paragraph before the first line of the specification:

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED PROVISIONAL APPLICATION

This application claims the benefit under 35 USC §119(e) of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/222,032 filed July 31, 2000, the content of which in its entirety is hereby incorporated by reference.

- 2) Please replace the paragraph at page 1, lines 17-26, with the following paragraph:

A "microlens array" is an array of microlenses and an associated array of unit cells, with one microlens being associated with each unit cell. The microlenses of the present invention can have any desired configuration and can be formed on, for example, a supporting "piston" of the type disclosed in commonly assigned U.S. Patent Application No. 60/222,033 which was filed on July 31, 2000 in the names of G. Michael Morris and Tasso R. M. Sales and is entitled "Structured Screens for

A copy of the original version of this paragraph annotated to show the changes made by this amendment is attached as Exhibit A.

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